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WHAT TO DO ABOUT WATERFOWL?

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Canada geese are making pests of themselves in Michigan. They're chasing and harassing people, producing piles of poop and endangering farmers' crops.

Canada geese graze on a grassy riverbank on Belle Isle last week. KEITH MATHENY DETROIT FREE PRESS

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Canada geese are a big, unique-looking and some say downright pretty bird. But they likely won't be winning any popularity contests in Michigan anytime soon.

The messy birds tend to enjoy the same types of areas humans like to create for themselves — lush lawns, parks, beaches, golf courses and scenic mill ponds in the middle of small towns.

And when they find a nice area, they like to stay. There, they eat, poop, swim, repeat. Then they make baby Canada geese to do more of the same.

Their growing numbers are causing increasing conflicts in Michigan, where they have gone from nearly extinct to an overpopulated nuisance, fouling waterways and leaving piles of green droppings everywhere you step.

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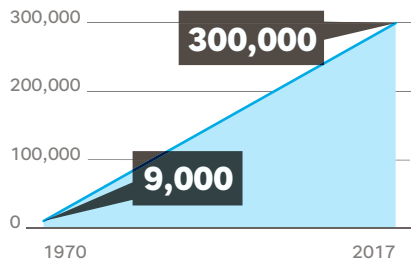
Canada geese numbers exploding in Michigan

From a population of about 9,000 birds in 1970, the state is now home to more than 300,000 Canada geese.



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TEXAS CHURCH SHOOTINGS

Robert and Shani Corrigan. FAMILY PHOTO

Michigan couple among victims

They were killed in same church where their son's funeral was held last year

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For Robert and Shani Corrigan, a pair of high school sweethearts from northern Michigan who moved to a tiny Texas town years ago for a new life, the last year was one of unfathomable heartache.

They lost their 25-year-old son Forrest Corrigan on Nov. 26, 2016, to suicide. His funeral was held at the Sutherland Springs First Baptist Church in Texas.

On Sunday, nearly a year later, the Corrigans were gunned down in that same church, victims of a mass shooting that claimed the lives of 26 people and shattered the small Texas town amid a wave of escalating gun violence in America. The dead ranged from a toddler to a 72-year-old.

Among them were the Corrigans, described by the folks who knew them as good family people who worked hard and made everyone around them feel special. And music, many said, was a Corrigan passion.

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Trump to Japan: You should build cars in U.S.; Japan: Um ...

Greg Gardner Detroit Free Press
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President Donald Trump asked Monday that Japanese automakers consider making vehicles in the U.S., apparently unaware they've been doing that for more than 30 years.

"Try building your cars in the United States instead of shipping them over. That's not too much to ask," Trump urged during an appearance before Japanese business executives. "Is it rude to ask?"

"Try building your cars in the United States instead of shipping them over. That's not too much to ask."

President Donald Trump
during an appearance before Japanese business executives

It's not so much rude as breathtakingly oblivious to a central reality that has transformed, for the better, the nation's auto industry over the past three decades.

That comment seemed to contradict the sentences that preceded it in which he praised Japanese companies that, he acknowledged, have "been creating jobs in our country for a long, long time."

He implied that Japanese manufacturers

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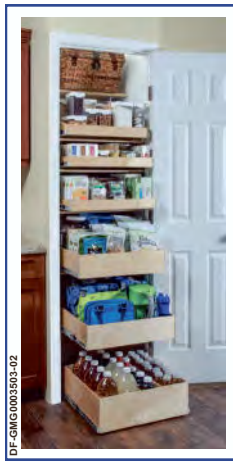

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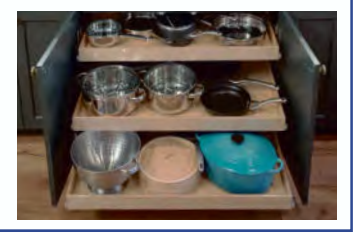

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